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SUBJECT: UK VIEWS ON CYPRUS

SUMMARY: BRITISH ARE WORRIED ABOUT REPORTS OF NEW
TURKISH MILITARY MOVES AND, ESPECIALLY, OF TURKISH ACTION
AGAINST BRITISH CITIZENS AND PROPERTY IN RETALIATION FOR
LACK OF BRITISH COOPERATION ON TURKS IN SBA. THEY HOPE
SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL KNOCK DOWN SUCH IDEAS IF OC-
CASION ARISES IN BRUSSELS TALK WITH ESENBEL. BRITISH
AGREE THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO KEEP GREEKS AND TURKS
TALKING (THROUGH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH). THEY DEPLORE
OBSTACLES PRESENTED BY MAKARIOS' ATTITUDE ON ONE HAND AND
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TURKISH IMPATIENCE ON THE OTHER. END SUMMARY

1. DURING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN DECEMBER 9, FCO DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY KILLICK REFERRED TO PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT BRITISH (AND WE) HAVE BEEN GETTING OF TURKISH PLANS FOR FURTHER MILITARY MOVES, AS WELL AS TURKISH IDEA OF ARRESTING BRITISH CITIZENS IN TURKISH ZONE, EXPROPRIATING BRITISH PROPERTY, AND DETAINING BRITISH UNTIL TURKS IN WESTERN SBA ARE ALLOWED TO PROCEED NORTH. HE SAID CALLAGHAN WOULD TRY TO KNOCK DOWN THESE IDEAS IF HE GETS A CHANCE DURING CONVERSATION WITH ESENBEL IN BRUSSELS AND URGED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO DISSUADE TURKS OF ANY SUCH PLANS TOO. (HOWEVER, FCO OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR THEY WERE NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY UNILATERAL RELEASE OF TURKS IN SBA AT THIS JUNCTURE, SO SOON AFTER RETURN OF MAKARIOS.)

2. KILLICK SAID HE HAD BEEN GIVEN VERY TOUGH TURKISH LINE BY SENATOR INHAN IN PARIS LAST WEEK. INHAN HAD ASSERTED TURKS WOULD STOP NEGOTIATING AFTER MAKARIOS RETURNED TO ISLAND AND HINTED AT FURTHER MILITARY MOVES. KILLICK HAD ADVISED HIM TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY POSSIBLE SOVIET REACTIONS IN CASE OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTION.

3. KILLICK AGREED THAT OUR EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP TURKS AND GREEKS TALKING THROUGH DENKTASH AND CLERIDES, REALIZING OF COURSE THAT THERE MIGHT BE A HIATUS OVER NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS WHILE CLERIDES WAITED FOR MAKARIOS TO SIGN A SPECIFIC SET OF NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, KILLICK THOUGHT, MAKARIOS SEEMED INCLINED TO LEAVE SITUATION MORE OR LESS AS IT IS, BELIEVING THAT TURKS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STEW IN THEIR OWN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. TURKS ON THEIR PART MUST COME TO ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITION OF GREEK AGREEMENT TO BIZONAL SOLUTION, SINCE IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CLERIDES CAN MAKE SUCH A CONCESSION PRIOR TO START OF NEGOTIATIONS. TURKS SHOULD AIM AT GETTING BIZONAL SOLUTION FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY THEY TOO DO NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THIS ASPECT OF REALITY. TIME IS NOT ON EITHER THE GREEK OR THE TURKISH SIDE, BRITISH FEEL.

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